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In response to the Final Action of February 28, 2003, Applicant submits the following response:

REMARKS

Claims 2 to 39, 41 to 49, 51 and 52 are pending in this application, of which claims 2 and 6 are independent. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and a timely indication of allowance.

The Examiner rejected claims 2 to 4, 6 to 12, 14 to 23, 48, 49, 51 and 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Lorentzen (U.S. Patent. No. 5,951,546) in view of Panescu (U.S. Patent. No. 6,056,745). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.